(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is eligibility to join these schemes-

(d) whether these schemes have any age limit for investors;

(e) what are the formalities for the investors to join these schemes;

(f) whether Government have taken any measures to ensure that large number of people join these schemes; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g) Do not arise.

Civilian Official on security duty during elections

1052. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN; Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civil ian clerical officials have been put on security duty in the Eelction Com mission, of India;

(b) whether under Government rules civilian officials can be put on security job;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative whether the action taken by the Election Commission in putting the civilian clerical staff on, security duty will be reversed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) In view of the security risk in Election Commission, some civilian clerical officials have been put on duty to verify the valid passes etc., of the visitors and thus provide back upto the Reception Office and coordinate with the security staff.

(b) There is *no* Government rule precluding utilisation of civilian officials for such purposes.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

NIC functioning in Election Commission

1053. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Informatics Centre started functioning in Election Commission Office during the General Elections held recently;

(b) if so, whether National Infor matics Centre is still functioning there; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the with drawal of the services of National Informatics Centre during the middle of the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Election Commission was able to utilise the NIC's NICNET services for receiving messages even without continuing a Centre in the Commission's office.

Renovation of room of Chief Election Commissioner

1054. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: WiU the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred on the renovation